

National Turmeric Board

***Prelims:** Economic Development; Current events of national and international importance*

Why in news?

Recently, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation had inaugurated the headquarters of the National Turmeric Board (NTB) in Nizamabad, Telangana.

- **Established in** - 2025.
- **Headquarters in** - Nizamabad, Telangana.

*Nizamabad has been known as the **turmeric capital** for decades, and farmers here have been cultivating turmeric for centuries, yet it has not reached global markets.*

- **Objectives** - To establish a complete chain for turmeric packaging, branding, marketing, and export.
- To ensure that the maximum value of turmeric reaches its farmers.
- To promote the consumption of turmeric in international markets and to publicize the medicinal properties of Indian turmeric in potential markets.
- **Supporting institutions**
 - **National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL)** - It is to benefit farmers involved in exports
 - **National Cooperative Organics Limited (NCOL)** - It is for those engaged in organic farming.
- **Functions** - It will ensure that the quality and safety standards of Indian turmeric meet global benchmarks.
- It will arrange appropriate packaging, and provide training and skill development to farmers on how to harvest turmeric to avoid any export-related obstacles.
- Further, research and development on the health benefits of turmeric will be conducted to showcase it to the world.

Status of Turmeric in India

Turmeric

- It is also called as '*Golden Spice*'
- **Properties** - It is *anti-viral, anti-cancer, and anti-inflammatory* and is known as wonder drug due to its medicinal properties.
- **Composition** - It has various essential vitamins and minerals like beta carotene, ascorbic acid (Vitamin C), pyridoxine (Vitamin B6), niacin (Vitamin B3), calcium, flavonoids, fibre, iron, potassium and zinc.
- **Uses**



- India is the *largest producer, consumer and exporter* of turmeric in the world.
- **Trade** - India has *more than 62% share of world trade* as of January 2025.
- **Exports** - During 2023-24, 1.62 lakh tonnes of turmeric and turmeric products valued at 226.5 million USD was exported.

India has set a target of achieving one billion dollars in turmeric exports by 2030.

- **Farmer's income** - In 2025, turmeric farmers received a price of 18,000 to 19,000 rupees per quintal for turmeric.

Reference

[PIB| Establishment of Headquarters of National turmeric Board](#)